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Employee sues Western for discrimination

Woods says race reason job was denied

BY KELLY RICHARDSON
Herald reporter

A Western employee is suing the university for discrimination and violation of a federal law. Ingrid Woods, assistant director for the Academic Advising and Retention Center, filed a lawsuit against Western, alleging discrimination in its hiring practices and a violation of the Family and Medical Leave Act.

The lawsuit was filed Nov. 3 in Warren County Circuit Court, according to the complaint.

Western denies any discrimination claims, said Greg Stivers, the lawyer representing Western. "It's completely unfounded," he said.

Woods served as the interim director for the advising and retention center and was interested in becoming the permanent director, according to the complaint.

The complaint stated that Woods was qualified for the job, but was told in March 2005 that the qualification standards for the job had been raised.

Woods believes the new qualifications were meant to stop her from getting the job, according to the complaint.

She said she was prevented from getting the job because she is a Hispanic woman, a protected class.

Protected classes are based on factors that include race and sex. Employment discrimination cannot be based on these factors.

Woods is seeking an award of damages for losing the increased pay and benefits she could have received if she had been made director, according

to the complaint.

Woods currently receives \$42,012 for the 2005-06 year, according to the faculty and staff compensation report. The director of academic advising makes \$81,372 for 2005-06.

Woods is also seeking an award of actual losses for Western's violation of the FMLA and an award of punitive damages for emotional distress. She is seeking money to cover her legal fees and any other money she



Ingrid Woods

deserves, according to the complaint.

Woods referred all comments to her attorney, David Broderick. Broderick said the qualifications for the advising and retention director had originally been for the candidate to have a master's degree or equivalent.

After the changes, a doctorate degree was required. Broderick said Western administrators, including Luther Hughes, the associate vice president of academic

affairs, told Woods the qualifications had been changed.

Hughes referred all comments to Western General Counsel Deborah Wilkins.

Broderick said Woods was highly qualified for the job but never given an interview.

Kentucky mandates minority hiring, he said.

"I certainly feel that Western needs to live up to its obligations stated by law," he said. Ellen Bonaguro began working as director of academic advising in August. She was previously a Western associate

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Paris, Tenn., resident Barbara Jones surveys the damage at her home on 1620 Cypress Way. Jones's husband was upstairs and her grandparents were in the basement when the tornado smashed through their neighborhood. The same storm cell caused heavy rains and high winds at Western, which resulted in class cancellations.

Nathan Weber/Herald

Storms cause damage, cancel classes

Students in dorms, library take cover

BY ANDREW MCNAMARA
Herald reporter

Students gathered in the basements and first floors of buildings across the Hill Tuesday night as tornado warnings were issued for Warren County.

A line of storms moved across the county at 40 to 50 mph, pouring about 1.5 inches of rain and producing heavy winds, said Tom Reaugh, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Louisville.

Night classes were canceled because of the weather, and anyone remaining on the Hill had to take cover for about a half hour.

No tornadoes touched down near Western, but some formed in other parts of the county and region.

An F-1 tornado hit southern Warren County near Woodburn, creating a path about 2 miles long and 200 yards wide. There was moderate damage throughout the county, Reaugh said.

Two tornadoes also touched down in south-central Kentucky. An F-2 tornado appeared in northern Simpson County near Stowers Branch, and an F-1 tornado hit Logan County near Adairville.

No deaths or injuries were reported anywhere in south-central Kentucky.

The only damage reported on campus was minor flooding outside the Garrett Center food court, said John Osborne, vice president of campus services and facilities.

Students in residence halls had to go to safe places such as hallways and bathrooms during the tornado warnings, said Brian Kuster, director of housing and residence life.

More than 60 students sat on the bottom floor of Helm-Craven Library.

At about 5 p.m., Bryan M. Carson, associate professor and coordinator of reference and instruction services in the library, and other faculty members monitored the storms on television and discussed the tornado emergency plan.

"We made sure we knew what to do and where everyone would go ahead of time so that when the time came, we would be prepared," he said.

The mood was pretty relaxed, Carson said. Students spent time studying or joking around.

"Personally I am not too nervous," he said. "If something were to happen, this is a pretty solid building to take cover in."

Sheri Holmes, a graduate



Photo by Travis Garner

A couple crosses the Avenue of Champions on their way to eat in DUC shortly after the building was released from a tornado warning.

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Sheri Holmes, a graduate

student from Portland, Tenn., was forced to take cover in the library after driving to Western for her night class, which was canceled.

"I just want to get home to my family, and my kids are even more ready for me to get home," she said.

Reach Andrew McNamara at news@wkuherald.com.

Western and other universities are creating ways for parents to take part in their children's education.

Many university administrators say it is beneficial for students' families to be involved. But they say that parents also should give their children a certain degree of freedom once they get to college.

"Today's parents are much more involved than previous generations," said Howard Bailey, dean of student life.

"Today's parents want to fix things quickly for their sons and daughters instead of letting them learn how to do such things for themselves."

Western parents' group

Western moms and dads can participate in Western events and stay involved with their children's education through the Parents' Association.

The group, which was created in 2000, has about 850 members and has been growing by 100 to 150 members per year since its creation, said Amy Miller, assistant director of Alumni Relations and coordinator of the Parents' Association.

To become a member of the association, parents donate to a fund that is used for organizational aid and campus improvements.

The group typically raises between \$15,000 and \$20,000, Miller said.

The Parents' Association also has raised more money this year than it has in the past, Stan Raley said.

The Parents' Advisory Council, which is made up of five or six sets of parents from each class group, decides what the money should be used for, Miller said.

Miller said parents are used to being involved with their children in high school, so they

want to continue to do so on college.

"It's their experience as much as it's their student's experience," she said.

Learning to let go

Bailey has become the contact person for Western parents.

Parents first meet Bailey at Orientation Advising and Registration. He presents a program about what he calls "college life USA," — issues that students and parents will likely encounter during the college experience.

Bailey said he advises parents to be supportive of their children in college and learn when they need to give their children some independence.

Bailey said parents have called him to discuss issues such as dorm room changes, students' homework assignments and disciplinary problems.

"Many times I can convince the parent that they need to allow the son or daughter to deal with the situation themselves," he said.

And the calls have increased.

"Ten and 15 years ago, I could go whole semesters and might not talk to a parent," Bailey said. "Now I will talk to at least one parent a day."

Admissions Counselor Brice Boyer, who coordinates parent programs for OAR sessions, said he has seen an increase of parents who want to be actively involved in OAR, especially during registration.

Boyer said OAR personnel ask parents of registering students not to accompany their children when they go to advising and registration.

"When they go to register for classes, it's just the defining moment for stepping out of the nest," he said.

"Parents should talk with their children about classes during meal periods or breaks during OAR," Boyer said. Any problems that parents have with scheduling can be addressed before they leave Western.

"Students are going to be with us for four years, and they should try to do a good job," he said.

Generational differences

Generational trends may explain why today's parents want to be more connected with their kids.

The baby-boomer generation that many college parents are a part of may influence their desire to be involved, said William Strauss, who co-authored the book "Millennials Go to College" with Neil Howe. The book is a guide for college administrators about the "Millennial" generation, who were born in the early to middle 1960s.

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Board of Regents meeting moved to Saturday

BY KELLY RICHARDSON
Herald reporter

Western regents and administrators have to attend to business Saturday before they can start celebrating Western's 100th birthday.

The Board of Regents is meeting at 9 a.m. in the Cornelius Martin Regent's Room at the Mass Media and Technology Hall on Saturday to start the Centennial Celebration activities this weekend.

The board meetings are usually held on Fridays, but the meeting was moved to Saturday for the Centennial.

Regent Forrest Roberts said

she doesn't remember having a meeting on Saturday, but she doesn't mind spending her Saturday morning in a meeting. She said it may be more convenient for her.

The board members vote on when they hold the meetings, and having one this Saturday would coincide with the Centennial events, Roberts said.

Regent Yvette Haskins said it was good to have the board meeting this weekend because all of the board members can attend the dedication ceremonies on Saturday.

"It's great that we kick it off and get things started," she said.

Nine living former board chairs will be recognized for their service to the board. President Gary Ransdell said. Having the meeting on Saturday helped with these arrangements as well.

The board will discuss approving Western's Six-Year Capital Plan, as well as operating budget revisions. These were both approved in the board executive committee meeting that took place on Oct. 28.

The board will discuss approving buying property for the new Student Publications building. This was approved in the executive committee meeting.






The academic affairs committee of the board also approved two new certificates in complementary health care and public health nursing, which will be up for discussion at the board meeting.

The board will also discuss the university's emergency reserve, which is money set aside for emergencies, as an informational item.

Ransdell will also give a report on final enrollment numbers, Western construction projects and the state budget.

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Crime reports

Reports

◆Steven O. Kewin, facilities management, reported on Nov. 14 "WKU" spray painted in black on the fender of a Western-owned 1988 Dodge Ram. The value of the damage was \$400.

◆Douglas G. Schmitt, Center for Engineering and Biological Sciences, reported

on Nov. 14 a 40-foot black slush stolen from the front of the Center of Engineering and Biological Sciences building. The value of the theft was \$100.

◆Matthew R. Grant, Barnes-Campbell Hall, reported on Nov. 14 money stolen from his wallet, which was left in his room. The value of the theft was \$100.

◆Hilary M. Barnes, McCormack Hall, reported on Nov. 14 a book stolen from her room. The value of the theft was \$100.

◆Antonio M. McGowan, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported on Nov. 14 being assaulted behind the Downing University Center. He was transported to Bowling

Green Medical Center and treated for injuries to his left eye and face.

◆Campus police reported on Nov. 14 receiving a bomb threat at 1:52 p.m. The caller threatened to target Mass Media and Technology Hall. No bomb was found.

◆James D. Burton, McCormack, reported on Nov. 15 his truck bed-cover cut, front grill broken and a dent in the hood of his Ford F-150 pickup truck parked in the Kentucky Street lot. The value of the damage was \$900.

◆Rafael O. Cocha, PFT, reported on Nov. 15 his backpack, iPod mini and various

other items stolen from the Preston Center. The value of the theft was \$285.

◆Officer Michael G. Micetto, campus police, reported on Nov. 15 the rear passenger window of an Oldsmobile parked on State Street shattered. The value of the damage was \$150.

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Transportation

South Campus adds parking

By AMBER COULTER
Herald reporter

Headlights can across the pavement of the South Campus lot last night while drivers hunted for parking spaces before their night classes.

Those students may have an easier time finding a spot in a few weeks.

Construction for an additional 300 parking spots at South Campus should be completed in the next few weeks, said Doug Ault, director of planning, design and construction.

The parking lot expansion, which began in September, was paid for with part of the \$7 million in Western funds set aside for the overall expansion of the community college.

There will be a total of 500 added spaces which will make up for parking spots that will be lost when the building is expanded into the existing parking lot, said Jennifer Tougas, director of parking and transportation improvements.

There will be a net gain of about 300 spaces. The building expansion is meant to accommodate the growing number of students taking classes at South Campus.

allow greater visibility from Nashville Road and provide more space for specialized classes, Ault said.

The lot fills up quickly, and the overflow of cars tends to run into the lot near the Carroll Knickery Institute for Economic Development, Tougas said.

Christine Morgan, real estate essentials instructor, said she parks in the Knickery lot if she can't find a South Campus lot space within a few minutes of looking, and she's glad the new spaces will ease her search.

South Campus caters to many students, and the fact that they're opening parking to many students — that's awesome, she said.

Louisville senior Phillip Carney said there isn't a shortage of parking spaces in the lot. He said the expansion won't affect him much when he parks in the lot to visit the South Campus computer lab, which is near his apartment.

Contractors must finish installing emergency telephones, landscaping and stripping the lot to finish the lot, Ault said.

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Suit: Denial claimed

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professor in communications for three years.

According to the lawsuit, Woods also said Western violated FMLA when she took a majority leave from April to July 2005.

Woods said she learned after returning to work that a position had been created that took over several of her responsibilities. She said the position "effectively demoted" her.

According to the lawsuit, Woods is aware of other cases in which Western excluded minorities from consideration of certain administrative-level promotions. Broderick declined to comment on that part of the suit.

Wilkins said she doesn't know of any discrimination cases Western has lost.

Bob Cobb, the director of institutional research, said the number of minorities in administrative positions, was still

being determined.

Seven percent of Western's employees are black and 6 percent are other minorities, according to the 2003 Factbook.

Wilkins said the search for a new director was done properly. "I'm confident that there was no wrongdoing in the search or any involvement Ms. Woods had in it," she said.

Wilkins said she doesn't know whether a new position had been created during Woods' absence or why a position would be created.

Both Stivers and Wilkins said the case will probably be dismissed.

Stivers has to file a response to the complaint, which he said he is working on.

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Show us the green

Western needs to keep better tabs on its financial transactions; the faculty and staff don't need extra worry on their minds

Don't you just hate it when you wake up one morning and realize that you can't remember where you left half a million dollars?

Western knows the feeling. Administrators and faculty are trying to locate about \$660,000 that should be in an insurance fund managed by the University Benefits Committee. Internal Auditor Warren Irons reported the discrepancy between his records and what Western records show is in the fund, according to minutes from the committee's June 14 and June 29 meetings.

According to President Gary Russell, the money is not unaccounted for but simply mislabeled. He said the money was used to pay back Western's general fund for insurance claims it covered for the reserve fund in 2000.

Faculty regent Robert Dietle voiced concern about the reserve fund being used for other purposes. Money was taken from the reserve fund this summer to fund a year's salary and budget for a faculty and staff wellness manager.

Irons is on the agenda to present a report about the missing money to the committee meeting on Dec. 13. With any luck, the mystery will be solved that day, and administrators, faculty and staff will be able to let loose

a sigh of relief.

We're getting the vibe that not everyone is taking this matter as seriously as they should be. This money from the reserve fund comes from faculty and staff insurance premiums. They are paying into it. It's scary when you're told that something you've invested in, especially related to health issues, is suddenly "unaccounted for." The faculty and staff have every right to be concerned right up until every last dollar is found.

We're wondering how it was "missing" in the first place. Even if it was used to pay back the general fund, shouldn't a record of the transaction that's easily accessible in case questions should arise? Western has an accounting department that is supposed to keep track of this stuff. We realize that mistakes can be made, but the discrepancy was found more than five months ago. Why has it taken so long to locate the money and put faculty and staff minds at ease? It would be bad enough if Western couldn't account for donor or alumni gifts, but this situation is amplified because the money comes from its own faculty and staff.

Some clubs on this campus only have a few hundred dollars to work with, yet they are able



WKU BENEFITS COMMITTEE

to account for every dollar. Our faculty and staff insurance fund should be treated the same way.

It's just hard for people who can't even fathom holding half a million dollars at any given time to understand how that amount of money just falls off the radar overnight. Maybe the number doesn't seem as large to Western because it's a small fraction of its total budget. We'll put it in terms that are easier to understand. If you had \$660,000, you could pay spring 2006 tuition for 241 residents or 102 non-residents, buy about 133,200 foot-long sandwiches at Subway or release about

13,200 parking boots.

For the sake of the faculty and staff, we hope that Irons' report reveals that the money was mislabeled and is in fact safe and sound. Please keep better track of these transactions, especially when dealing with someone else's money. Our faculty and staff have enough on their minds as it is. They don't need the extra worry.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's eight-member board of student editors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Less noise, more respect

Not so long ago, coming to the new computer lab on campus was an enjoyable and productive experience. I was able to work on what I needed to complete for class. Now, however, there is almost constant noise in the lab (people on cell phones, people talking loudly to one another, etc.) and it is very difficult to concentrate. As I write this, I am sitting in Mass Media and Technology Hall trying to work amid the noise.

Where are the lab attendants? One of them is sitting at the front desk with his feet on the counter reading and the other two are playing computer games. With the addition of the printer-monitoring computers, would someone please explain to me why we need lab attendants? Shouldn't the lab attendants be monitoring the entire lab area instead of just "monitoring" the front desk?

Seeing that the lab attendants aren't doing anything to maintain the labs as places for studying and academic use, I have a few recommendations to improve the situation. Cell phone use should be prohibited. If you need to talk to someone, take it outside! This should also extend to people socializing with one another. Please do so OUTSIDE of the computer lab. Reasonable measures should also be taken so that lab attendants actually monitor the labs. In consideration of everyone, especially as the final weeks approach, please let's all work to maintain quiet in the computer labs.

Rebecca S. Whitley
Senior
Bardonia

Football is a worthy cause

My comments are in response to a letter to the editor in the Thursday, Nov. 10 issue titled "Support More Worthy Cause." Your lack of knowledge of the football program, its financial situation and the people associated with it are evident by your ignorant comments regarding the purpose of collegiate sports.

1. Two current Western football players' mothers both battled and beat breast cancer last spring and fall, and I bet if you asked them, they would say one of the only things that got them through their treatments was to see their sons play college football.

2. It is a proven fact that sports keep kids out of trouble and off the streets.

3. Your idea about how the money is distributed is unrealistic. The sum, \$3 million, includes interests, over a certain specified time period that it has been invested. It is not like a rich person came to the football office and gave the Office Manager a \$3 million check. Even though that would be greatly appreciated...

4. Who are you to question the

motives of the person giving the gift? Who are you to judge the person who donated that money? It is not like the money is going to fund a Cadillac Escalade for the head coach. The football program just wants money to stop leaks that are coming through the roof and into the offices, classrooms and locker rooms. The money is going toward travel and equipment, and it will probably help staff the team so the assistant coaches don't have to sleep at the stadium over night because they have so much work to do.

5. The variables involved in the fact that you could have also related your entire subject bias as to why people, or our government, donate to foreign countries instead of our domestic issues, and why people are donating to the rich Republican party instead of giving it to the poverty stricken sector?

6. Have you ever even been to a football game or any other Western athletic event?

Lastly, you are wasting valuable time complaining to other people and writing about crap when you could be doing something heroic, yourself by collecting or donating money to these causes you so enthusiastically preach about, instead of chastising a sport you obviously know nothing about, as well as the very generous and honorable individuals donating their money.

submitted by Laura Page
alumna
Russellville

Guns and butter

In the 1970s, Lyndon Johnson escalated the US presence in Vietnam from a cadre of advisors to 550,000 troops. The numbers of dead and seriously wounded from this conflict came to more than 115,000. He also initiated the "Great Society" program which he referred to as insuring that the Democrats would be in power "for the next 200 years." He did not increase taxes, so this was referred to as our having both guns and butter. The result was the high inflation of the 1970s in which mortgage rates went to 18 percent followed by the recession of the early 1980s. At the time the US had relatively small annual deficits and a positive balance of trade.

That was then. Now we are in Iraq in furtherance of an objective to democratize the world. The cost so far in hundreds of billions of dollars, almost 2,000 dead and 14,000 seriously wounded laid disabled for life. We are also running at the rate of \$1.3 trillion in the twin fiscal and trade deficits.

In Bush's tenure, the national debt has almost doubled to some \$8 trillion, and he has never vetoed a spending bill, including the recent one which went forth with some \$24 billion of pork projects such as \$230 million to build a bridge to an island off Alaska where about 50 people live.

Former Treasury Secretary O'Neill calculated that US liabilities exceeded anticipated income by some \$44 trillion. It seems we have learned nothing from Johnson's "guns and butter" regime, and are, in fact, financially immensely worse off today.

Private business would have declared bankruptcy long since, but as Federal Reserve Governor Bernanke said a couple of years ago, not to worry, the government has a technology called the printing press. Germany in the 1920s used that technology, and the mark became worthless.

Meanwhile, our membership in NAFTA and the WTO have had the effect of decimating jobs in our country. CAFTA, important as a lead into FTAA, was passed with much coercion and pork bribery inserted into the recent spending bill. Millions more jobs will be lost if FTAA is passed. The printing press will be used and resulting inflation will decimate our savings and our retirement.

In 1992, the UN's Maurice Strong said that in order to bring on the New World Order it would be necessary to bring down the developed countries. Is there a plan?

Though many of our rulers in the three departments of government would fit Lenin's definition of "useful idiots" (fostering that of which they do not know the intention), meant to do not know what is happening, but do not believe they will personally suffer. A small number, behind the scene, have planned this way to bring on a world government of the "total state." That fits the definition of treasonous when Abraham Lincoln said, if this country were to come down, it would be from within.

Margaret Hellmüller
Louisville

Give it up, people

OK guys, we all know that you are "all" against Girls Gone Wild (personally...well, we will leave that for another time), and we all know that you want to voice your opinion.

I know that that is what the United States is all about, the whole free speech thing, but guys, seriously! GOW was here, what, two, three weeks ago? Why are we still obsessing about it?

There is no need for all this fuss over a bus (that by the way, was not involved, but was coming whether we liked it or not). Give it up, people!

While there may be a few people who still care and thoroughly enjoying hating it out over and over (and over) again with everyone and anyone who will listen, the majority of campus really doesn't care anymore.

Really, we just need to let things lie and move on to more important things.

Carl Walker
aphorism
Gresham, Ore.

These are the Herald's views on the good, the bad and the slightly unattractive.

TOPS & BOTTOMS



Boo to Tuesday evening's weather. We would have rather been in our night classes than cowering in hallways and stairwells.



So much for watching the Hilltoppers in the football playoffs. It looks like we will all be able to give the basketball teams our undivided attention after this weekend.



Mooray to CAB for bringing Nancy Cartwright to Western. There's nothing like listening to hilarious anecdotes from the voice of Bart Simpson herself.



Bomb threats are not cool. We enjoy a random break from class once in a while, but not because someone called in a bomb. That was senseless and uncalled for.



Parking stickers stink. Have you ever tried to get one of those things off of your car? It's almost impossible to do without scratching at it!



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PARENTS: Baby boomers learn how to let go, trust their kids

Continued from front page

Strauss said he and Howe noticed a shift in attitudes in the 1960s. Parents began thinking of their children as more special than parents had in the past.

"Both children and parents may be responsible for the involvement trend."

"Never in the history of polling have we seen young people getting along better with their parents than now," he said.

College years were also a significant time for baby boomers, and they may be reliving that time through their children, Strauss said.

Bailey said the baby-boomer generation strived for independence from their elders and had to struggle while in college, he said.

"We seem to want to make sure that our sons and daughters don't have to experience the rough times that we had," he

said. "It's all about an expression of love."

Statewide involvement

Other Kentucky schools are also experiencing increased parental involvement.

Nancy Stephens, assistant director of new student and parent programs at the University of Kentucky, said calls and e-mails from parents have been increasing.

Parents of UK students automatically become members of the school's parents' association. The school has had the organization since the early 1990s, Stephens said.

At summer orientation for new students, there are sessions for parents to attend while students register. There are also parent programs during the week when new students move to campus.

"I think schools that haven't in the past had parent programming in place are scrambling to put something together," Stephens said.

Eastern Kentucky University's parents' association has about 200 members, said Carl Wallace, associate dean of students and director of first-year programs at Eastern. It isn't an active organization, but Wallace said she would like to see it being involved with meetings and planning in the future.

Wallace said the number of parents who attend functions like student orientations are the same as they have been in the past. But the types of interaction parents want has changed.

"They want to be involved more in picking classes," Wallace said. "They don't want to be separated."

"But instead of the parents initiating this behavior, a lot of the time it is the student who asks for help," she said.

Giving students space

Erin Raley was working as a Spirit Master at a Western open house in Louisville when a concerned parent of a potential student started asking her questions. The mother mainly wanted to know what Erin Raley was doing in college and what she should expect when her child went away to school.

Erin Raley gave the woman her parents' e-mail address. She told the concerned mother that she would have to trust that her daughter was raised well.

"That's not always the answer that parents want to hear," Erin Raley said. Many university administrators say that they like for parents to be involved with their stu-

dents, but it is also important for students to have their own lives.

"We want parent involvement and concern, but not parents that want to lead the college experience for their sons and daughters," Bailey said.

Bailey said he tries to make sure that Western employees are comfortable with talking to parents, and parents are comfortable backing off from their children's academic issues.

"The majority of the parents cope with this quite well," he said.

Parents being involved with their children provides a support system for them, Wallace said.

"We are very encouraging of the family's total support," she said. "But we also know that the student needs to be independent."

The effects of college students being close with their parents could be positive and negative, Strauss said. The millen-

al generation is usually more optimistic and ambitious than previous generations, but the students may often look for positive reinforcement.

Parents may connect better with their children if they know what is going on in their lives at college, Stephens said.

"The more they are involved, the more they can understand what their student goes through," she said. "I think problems arise when parents try to do things students can do for themselves."

Stan Raley agrees.

"I consider my daughter to be an adult," he said. "I hope we raised her well enough when she was younger so she can decide between right and wrong."

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Henry Hardin Cherry

(1864-1937)

Served Jan. 22, 1907 to Aug. 1, 1937



Cherry, Western's founder, and his brother Thomas Cherry, purchased a failing Southern Normal school in 1892 and reorganized it as the Bowling Green Business College and Literary Institute. Henry Hardin Cherry purchased full ownership of the Southern Normal School in 1899 and was elected as president of Western Kentucky State Normal School by the first Board of Regents in 1906.

Henry Hardin Cherry was listed as the top influential leader in Kentucky's education system in the Kentucky School Journal in May 1938. He is noted as a strong and passionate leader with an unusual sense of humor, according to Herald articles.

Paul L. Garrett

(1893-1955)

Served Sept. 1, 1937 to Feb. 28, 1955



Garrett was involved in school administration since 1915. Garrett also served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Under Garrett's leadership, Western continued its growth to rank among top educational institutions in the south.

E. Kelly Thompson

(1909-1993)

Served Oct. 17, 1955 to Sept. 12, 1969



Thompson became president after 26 years as a member of Western's administration.

He was honored by the Kentucky Press Association as "The Outstanding Kentuckian of 1960" after guiding Western through a time of physical and academic expansion. Thompson also designed the university seal in 1935.

Dero G. Downing

(1921-)

Served Sept. 12, 1969 to Jan. 8, 1979



Upon returning to Western from the Navy, Downing taught mathematics and coached basketball at Western's Training School. He was later named director of the school, registrar, dean of admissions and vice president for administrative affairs before becoming president.

One of Western's most recognizable qualities is its location on a hill-top. But Western's first location was in downtown Bowling Green.

The school that would eventually be Western began in 1906 with a bill from the Kentucky General Assembly. The bill called for the creation of state normal schools in Kentucky for the training of teachers.

Two schools were created for the western and eastern halves of the state, according to "A History of the Western Kentucky State Normal College" by James P. Cornette found in the Kentucky Building's University Archives.

On March 24, 1906, Gov. J.C.W. Beckham signed the bill into law, creating Western Kentucky State Normal School.

Henry Hardin Cherry, the owner of Southern Normal School in Bowling Green, was appointed to be the president of the new school.

Classes began on Jan. 17, 1907. About 800 students enrolled that semester, and classes were held in the old Southern Normal School.

Students went here to get a teaching certificate, said Lowell Harrison, a retired history professor and author of "Western Kentucky University" a book chronicling Western's history.

Students could enroll in classes at the Normal School whenever they wanted, University Archivist Sue Lynn McDonald said.

Some classes that offered were basketry, story telling, blackboard sketching and clay modeling.

The Potter College for Young Ladies, which was located on a hill at the southern edge of Bowling Green, closed in 1909. Cherry negotiated the purchase of the 162 acres that would become the Hill.

—Samantha Hucman

A major location change characterized the beginning of the 1910s at Western. Kentucky State Normal School. But the decade was defined by war efforts that began in 1917.

An important change was when classes moved to Van Meter Hall after Potter College closed in 1909, said Sue Lynn McDonald, library special collections associate professor.

But from beyond the school's boundaries and the country's borders came the summons of World War I, which shaped Western students more than any change of venue.

Americans, including university students, generally supported the war and anti-German sentiment was strong, Assistant History Professor Tony Hawkins said.

Many universities had war memorials of the Great War on their campuses since many students fought and died in it, Hawkins said.

Bowling Green was home to a unit of the Students' Army Training Corps, which consisted of men from Western Normal and Ogden College in 1919, said Lynn Niedermeyer, assistant to university archivist.

The state government set up barracks near Western Normal to house Training Corps members, according to the "Normal Heights," an alumni publication at the time. The facilities were used to house male students when the war was over.

The Reserve Officers Training Corps was established at Western Normal and other universities in 1919 to help recruit officers and leaders during the war.

Many universities, including Western Normal, offered classes for coming food to help feed Americans fighting and at home.

—Amber Coulter

A Century

Improvements and monuments will be unveiled this weekend

BY AMBER COULTER
Herald reporter

After nearly 100 years of history and use, the Hill started showing its age.

Administrators decided about 10 years ago to use construction and restoration projects to return the campus to a healthier, younger-looking state.

Three projects will be dedicated Saturday to commemorate Western's history and administrators' commitment to restoring and expanding the campus.

President Gary Ransdell said an important aspect of Western's history is the campus and the structures

that have fallen into disrepair since their construction.

"By virtue of the fact that this is our Centennial Celebration, it means that we've grown a little old, and with that age comes deterioration and even some complacency as it regards to our physical campus," he said.

The Centennial Celebration is a chance for administrators to dedicate themselves to rebuilding Western, Ransdell said.

The dedication ceremony for the Guthrie Overlook, formally known as the Van Meter Overlook, will be held from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m. at the overlook in front of Van Meter Hall. The project was funded by a private gift of \$1.2 million.

Construction workers started installing small stone blocks around the fountain when it arrived a couple of weeks ago from Italy, said Doug Ault,



Sculptor Russ Faxon from Bell Buckle, Tenn., tightened up the straps for the new Edgar Allan Poe to the public on Saturday.

The Hill was alive with growth and excitement when Daisy Nell Hornback attended Western in the mid-1920s.

The title of "Teachers' College" had recently been added to the school's name as enrollment climbed to more than 1,000 students.

Hornback and her identical-twin sister, Mary Bell, were well-known on campus, Hornback said.

Even Western's then-president H. H. Cherry knew the twins, Hornback said.

"He was a very friendly man," she said. "He'd say, 'Hello, Rice twins.'"

Cherry regularly tried to know his students, but he also helped Western grow during the 1920s.

Cherry increased staff from 57 to 148 during the decade to keep up with a growing student body and keep the student-faculty ratio low.

Cherry was grateful more than \$1 million after strenuous lobbying during the decade to build new buildings and keep the campus growing, according to the book "Western Kentucky University" by retired history professor Lowell Harrison.

The buildings completed during the decade include Potter Hall, Industrial Education Building, Science Technology Hall, Gordon Wilson Hall and Schneider Hall.

Hornback, who will turn 100 in April, said she is glad to see that Western is still growing.

The foundations Cherry helped establish left good memories with those involved with the university during the decade.

Ray Hornback, Daisy Nell Hornback's son, said the events he attended on campus with his mother and father left a lasting impression of Western.

"Homecomings were always very warm and friendly," Ray Hornback said. "Western has always had extremely loyal alumni."

—Joey Leslie

While the nation sunk into an economic depression after the stock market crash of 1929, Western battled rumors of possible closure.

Western not only remained open, but the school expanded.

After the Depression hit, the federal government created grants that helped Western and other colleges continue to grow, according to Lowell Harrison, a retired history professor who wrote the book "Western Kentucky University."

Construction on Cherry Hill began in 1936. The statue of Henry Hardin Cherry, Western's first president, was unveiled a year later, the same year as Cherry's death.

Construction of the Kentucky building was also completed during the decade, and a new gymnasium and swimming pool were built on the site of the Helm-Cravens Library.

Harrison said the Depression did not have a large effect on student population because students who were out of work had nothing to do but go to school. Enrollment jumped 20 percent in 1931.

There were still rumors of closing the school because of low funds.

"Cherry was determined to see that the school would not close," Harrison said.

Students also dealt with an escalating war in Europe, which would culminate in World War II.

Leroy Underwood graduated in 1939 with a teaching degree.

He said he remembers marching with his friends in the band. He also met his wife while marching.

"She followed the band up to the old gym by my side," Underwood said. "I was sure glad I was in that band."

—Katie Brundenburg

Military uniforms and rifles were commonly seen by students attending Western in the 1940s.

World War II greatly affected the social lives of Western students.

The campus housed cadets from the Military Reserve Corps, according to the 1945 Talsman. The practices of the military and its influence on college social life were highly visible.

Only about 1,000 students attended the college during the war, alumni James Kerekes said.

There were very few male students because most college-age men enlisted or were drafted to go fight overseas, alumna Elinor C. Hay said. Most of the remaining men on campus were part of the military.

The cadets would practice machine gun drills, riflery and bayonet exercise on the Hill.

A popular social event in the 1940s was the military ball, according to the 1945 Talsman. The event was in honor of the military men at Western.

"The cadets added to the social life," Hay said. "A lot of girls met and dated cadets. Some even ended up marrying a cadet."

The war and the relief after the conflicts ended had a large impact on the campus.

"The military's presence had an excellent effect on campus," Kerekes said. "It added to the social life and was good for my education."

One of Western's most popular figures also got his start on the Hill in the 1940s.

Jimmy Feis first arrived at Western in 1949. He later went on to be a quarterback and coach of Western's football team.

Western's name also went under some changes during the decade.

Western Kentucky State Normal School became Western Kentucky State College.

—Nina Bodden

On The Hill

director of planning, design and construction.

The project, which began in the summer of 2004, will also include the additional sidewalks, a garden in the area and a fountain.

The dedication ceremony for the centennial plaza will be held from 4:00 until 4:30 p.m. on the side of the new parking structure facing College Heights Boulevard.

The project was funded as part of the \$10-million project to construct the new parking structure.

The plaza consists of a section of green space accented by three flag poles, six converging walkways and several trees and lamp post.

The plaza was finished this week when marble pieces were installed around the flagpoles, Ault said.

The dedication ceremony for a statue of E.A. Diddle will be held from 4:45 until 5:30 p.m. on the side of Diddle Arena facing College Heights

Boulevard.

The bronze statue is 11 feet tall from the base to Diddle's famous right leg he holds in his hand. Three granite blocks tell Diddle's history, show a picture of the coach and list the names of donors to the memorial. The project was funded by private gifts.

The statue was installed Wednesday as the capstone for the area, Ault said. The area boasts new features such as four short walkways that converge into a circle, three granite benches have been set.

Administrators had hoped to dedicate the grave near the football field along with the other festivities, but the area was not finished, said John Osborne, vice president of campus services and facilities.

The grave may be dedicated in November of 2006, near the end of the year-long centennial celebration, Osborne said.



Jesse Osbourne/Herald

Diddle statue: Faxon worked on the sculpture for about nine months. The statue will be unveiled

John D. Minton

(1921-)

Served Jan. 8, 1979 to July 31, 1979

Minton was originally the interim president after Downing, but the Board of Regents recognized him as Western's fifth president.

Minton also had served as vice president for administrative affairs, associate dean of graduate instruction, graduate dean and vice president for student affairs.



Donald W. Zacharias

(1935-)

Served Aug. 1, 1979 to Aug. 31, 1985

Zacharias, an Indiana native, was the first of Western president born outside of Kentucky.

During his presidency, Zacharias was known for being a mentor to students. The community, students and faculty were disappointed when Zacharias resigned from the post to take on the presidency at Mississippi State University.



S. Kern Alexander

(1939-)

Served Jan. 25, 1986 to Aug. 31, 1988

Alexander conducted major studies for governors, legislators and state education agencies in more than half the United States for the federal government: He was also involved in numerous state and national task forces, making him a renowned expert in many current issues challenging education in the eighties.



Thomas C. Meredith

(1941-)

Served Aug. 31, 1988 to May 11, 1997

During Meredith's presidency, campus became fully computer-networked, two new residence halls and a health and activities center were opened and Western's Hall of Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame were established.



Gary A. Ransdell

(1951-)

Served Oct. 31, 1997 to present

Western enrollment has grown from 14,500 to 18,500 since Ransdell began his mission in 1998 to make Western a school of national prominence as well as regional importance.

Several buildings have been renovated and several campus-beautification projects are underway.



Margaret Munday remembers visiting Western as a child more than 60 years ago. Since those trips up the Hill, Munday knew she wanted to attend Western.

But Munday's dreams were unattainable when she was young because Western didn't admit black students for its first 50 years.

It was not until 1956 that the Council on Public Higher Education admitted black students into public institutions.

After the school was integrated, Munday became the first black Western student, according to Donald Smith, the assistant vice president of the Alumni Association.

Monica Burke, associate director of diversity programs, said Munday met her obstacles with optimism.

"No matter who you are, it is all comes down to character and integrity," Burke said. "Being the first of anything is scary. She came through, and she should be a role model for everyone."

Munday heard the news in the Courier-Journal that Western was accepting black students. She told her father she was going to go.

"My father told me I couldn't because I was black," Munday said.

Munday said she felt good when, at 18, she arrived on campus.

"I didn't have the sense to be afraid," she said.

She said she received better treatment than she thought she would from her white classmates.

She said she realized that she was the only black person, when she would sit alone in the cafeteria.

Now 67, Munday said her experience at Western was one of the best times in her life.

"I truly found out that the spirit makes the master," she said.

-Leah M. Caudle

Western's campus continued to grow and evolve during the 1960s.

Western, officially became a university in 1966, and new buildings and student groups were coming to campus.

Pat Richardson, a 1965 Western alumna who now lives in Louisville, said the campus became much more integrated during the '60s. She remembers when the first two black members joined the basketball team.

"It was a quiet thing, but a very big occurrence," Richardson said.

Richardson said the campus has changed a lot since she graduated. She remembers when female sports had a 10:30 p.m. curfew on week nights and midnight on weekends. Women also were not allowed to wear pants to class.

"Back then it wasn't an issue," Richardson said. "It wasn't like we were being punished for anything."

John Miller, a 1963 graduate who is now a communications professor at Kent State University, said one of the biggest changes he has seen is the cost of a college education.

When Miller was in school, tuition for a semester was \$45; a dorm room was \$55 and books cost about \$5 a piece, he said.

Richardson said the campus has changed physically as well. She said football games used to be played at the current location of the fine arts center.

"We still played basketball in what we called the old red barn," Richardson said, referring to the old gymnasium which stood where Helm Library is today.

Diddle Arena was built in 1963.

"There was a tremendous following of all sports programs, particularly basketball," said Bob Rascoe, who graduated in 1962.

-Katie Brandenberg

The 1970s were more than just disco dancing at Western.

The 1970s gave birth to Western landmarks and a furry mascot.

In 1971 Police-Ford Tower was opened and was the tallest dorm in the state.

Devo Downing, who now serves as the chairman of the board for the College Heights Foundation, was president when PFT opened.

"It opened at a time when there was a housing exodus, and it gave us considerable relief," Downing said.

Big Red was introduced on Dec. 1, 1979 at the last home game of the season. Big Red was presented to coach Gene Hardy in Diddle Arena as a Christmas gift.

Before Big Red, Western's mascot was Mr. Topper.

"Smiling with my friends, I remember buying Mr. Topper," said Sue Lynn McDaniel, the university archivist and records officer at the Kentucky Museum and Library.

During the early part of the decade, students found unique ways of making fashion statements.

Alumna Nancy Baird taught history as a graduate student in the early '70s. Baird said she remembers young men walking into her classroom wearing shower shoes or no shoes at all.

"I remember one time a young man came into my class with his shirt off," Baird said.

Western saw its first black homecoming queen during the '70s. Bowling Green native Alicia Gatewood was crowned homecoming queen her sophomore year at Smith Stadium on Nov. 5, 1972.

One of the biggest events in Western sports history was in 1971 when Western made it to the NCAA final four at the Houstons Astrodome.

Western played Philadelphia's Villanova University, and lost in double overtime. The final score was 92-98.

-Alex Wimsatt

The 1980s provided many new traditions and ended legacies at Western.

Western's seal was adopted on Oct. 26, 1989. The emblem features the university's name, Cherry Hall and the slogan, "The Spirit Makes the Master." This logo was adopted on Oct. 26, 1989 after heated debate.

Sue Lynn McDaniel, the university archivist and records officer at the Kentucky Library and Museum, said some students signed a petition not to adopt the current logo when she was a graduate student at Western.

Football coach Jimmy Feix also retired in 1983. Feix retired with a record of 106 wins, 56 losses and 6 ties. The most wins of any Western football coach.

Alumna Mary Carpenter said she remembers Feix with fondness.

"I loved Coach Feix," Carpenter said.

Western also made history in sports when the school entered the Sandell Conference in March 1982. Before 1982, Western was a member of the Ohio Valley conference.

The '90s was a decade of financial hard times across the nation because of an economic "recession." Western lacked the funds to feature entertainment acts like the ones who performed in the '70s, but the '90s did host a few stars.

The Doobie Brothers, Ike and Tina Turner, the Temptations, the Beach Boys, Linda Ronstadt, Jimmy Buffet and Barry Manilow were some of the performers who came to Western in the '70s.

Alumna Hank Williams Jr. and the Oakridge Boys performed in Diddle Arena in the '80s.

Alumna Bevvie Ashbaugh was a junior in 1982 and attended the Alabama concert.

"I'll never forget that concert. My friends and I had such a good time," Ashbaugh said.

-Alex Wimsatt

A challenge was issued to Western's campus during the 1990s.

President Gary Ransdell introduced "Challenging the Spirit," his plan for growth and construction on campus in 1998.

Ransdell said the plan was put into place because the school lacked a strategic plan for progress prior to his arrival. Through this plan, the campus grew in academics, appearance and size during the late 1990s when Ransdell became president.

"I remember it was a big deal when Ransdell came in," said Jon Winters, assistant political science professor and Western alumna. "He had a lot of big ideas. He started to build up school spirit. He built the campus back up physically."

According to Western's progress report for "Challenging the Spirit," the main goals the plan focused on were in academics, enrollment and campus appearance.

Ransdell said many changes have been made since the plan began. The availability of scholarships and financial aid has increased. Student satisfaction in academics has also increased to more than 90 percent. Campus enrollment has also increased by about 4,200 students.

Western's visual appearance has also changed. Since the late '90s, many buildings have been renovated.

"All of our goals are important because they are so interrelated," Ransdell said. "Our academic quality goals are the most important, but they cannot be achieved unless the other goals are achieved."

From these changes, school spirit also increased and enhanced the feel of the campus.

-Nina Busken

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Swimming and diving

Invitational is prep for conference meet

By LAURA CLARK
Herald reporter

When the Western men's (4-0) and women's (4-0) swimming and diving teams travel to Athens for the Georgia Tech Invitational Friday, they will be competing against five other schools, including top-25 teams like Georgia Tech and Florida State.

The other schools competing are Miami, Rice and Florida Atlantic.

The meet doesn't count toward the teams' win/loss record.

Coach Bruce Marchionda said the meet will be the first experience for freshmen and transfers to swim three days in a row. Preliminary races will be held in

the morning and finals at night. The top eight swimmers from the preliminaries race in A-finals and the next eight race in B-finals.

"We want to try to get as many people in the A-finals as possible," Marchionda said. "I think what we're looking for is for each swimmer to swim their best time for the season."

The results also will tell the coaches which swimmers will score the most in conference competition.

Only 22 swimmers from each team (22 men and 30 women) can score in the Sun Belt Conference Championships in February, said Marchionda.

Sophomore diver Michael Freese said he hopes his performance this weekend will qualify

him for the NCAA Zone Diving Finals in March.

Freese said the diving team has been without their coach Bob Benson this week because his mother recently died.

"We really pulled together," Freese said. "We had one of the fifth-year divers help out, but for the most part, we were on our own."

The divers prepared for this weekend by going through what Freese called "hell week." Practices lasted about two-and-a-half to three hours with each diver doing about 70 dives.

At the invitational, divers will have to perform 11 dives on both the 1- and 3-meter boards, compared to the six dives in dual meets.

For swimmers, the invitational format means they will race in three individual events, whereas in dual meets they usually only race two.

The swim teams have been preparing by working on "individualized training," freshman Jessica Aspinall said.

Aspinall said she has been on a three-day taper, meaning less yardage and more sprinting so she won't be tired for the meet.

The Georgia Tech Invitational begins tomorrow and ends Sunday. The meet will be held in the 1996 Olympic Pool on Georgia Tech's campus.

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WILBORN: Gobs bring height

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center to play after Wilborn missed the 94-67 exhibition win over Belknap on Nov. 10 with a neck injury.

Wilborn could face a tough assignment as the Governors boast not only 6-foot-9 Schlader but also 6-foot-10 senior Kaucen Matthews and 7-foot sophomore Tonnay Bannauk.

We need post presence, rebounding and guys that will block a few shots and be effective around the basket offensively," Horn said. "With Elgace coming back and everybody else

getting healthy, we hope that's an area that's improved for us."

Even if the Toppers don't get a healthy Wilborn back, sophomore guard Ty Rogers said it's important to get off to a good start.

"We're just focusing on getting better each and every day," he said. "Elgace is a great rebounder and defensive player. I don't know when he'll be back but he'll be a great improvement for us."

Tops sign second Kentucky prep star

Western received its second

national letter of intent of the fall signing period on Tuesday.

Adrian Papeas, a 6-foot-9 center from Louisville, averaged 11 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks per game last season for Western High School.

Shelby County guard A.J. Slaughter signed with Western Nov. 9.

Papeas is also ranked 82nd nationally by rivals.com after being named to the all-22nd District team.

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Intramural brief

Western to host regional tournament

The 2005 ACIS Regional Flag Football Tournament will be held tomorrow through Sunday at the Hattie L. Preston Intramural Complex for the fourth straight year.

The tournament includes a 34-team field featuring teams

from Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Mississippi, Missouri and Alabama.

The teams are split up into the men's, women's and co-rec divisions. The top two teams in each division will receive an automatic invitation to the national championship tournament in Pensacola, Fla., and a travel stipend.

Combined, Western will

field nine teams among the three divisions.

Western teams have had recent success in the regional tournament, winning two divisions in last year's event. Western won the men's division championship, and the Pike/ADP team took home the co-rec title.

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NCAA: MTSU is No. 2 seed

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squad that beat New Mexico State for the championship.

Senior setter Blotch went to the second round of the NCAA Tournament with Texas her freshman season.

New Mexico State defeated Western in the championship match the past two seasons but moved to the Western Athletic Conference this year.

"Those are different years," Hudson said. "I don't fear New Mexico State or anyone else in the country with the team we have this year."

The Lady Toppers could

end up playing host MTSU for the third time this season if both squads win their first two tournament matches. The team's only conference game loss came at MTSU Friday.

Blotch said consistent play is "what helps teams win championships."

"You can't play on emotion," Blotch said. "You have to have talent and consistency."

If the Lady Toppers win today, they will play at 5 p.m. tomorrow against the winner of today's match between No. 4 seed Arkansas-Little Rock and No. 5 North Texas.

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FIU: Defense to be tested again

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he said the deficit forced changes in the offense.

While Moore was out with his injury, sophomore Stephen Willis filled in for him.

Willis rushed for 184 yards and two touchdowns in the two games where he filled in for Moore.

The Toppers defense must

find a way to recover from the 400 yards and six touchdowns it allowed against Youngstown State, Florida International junior quarterback Josh Padrick has thrown for 10 touchdowns this season and averages 213.6 yards per game.

Western's defense was picked apart by Youngstown State quarterback Tim Zetts in Saturday's

game. Zetts threw for 245 yards including 111 yards to senior wide receiver Kyle Smith.

"We had a letdown, a huge letdown," senior linebacker Brandon Smith said. "We've got to go out transition into this week and let last week be behind us."

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RIVAL: Williams to lead Tech

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rivalry with Western needed to keep going even after they left the Sun Belt.

"There's been some incredible games between these two teams," Long said. "This rivalry has managed to stay alive through the years."

Leading the Lady Techsters this year is senior guard Tasha Williams. The defending WAC player of the year was garnered with pre-season All-American honors as well as conference pre-season player of the year.

"We've still got a ways to go," Long said. "But I like the potential of this basketball team. Our non-conference

schedule doesn't do us any favors."

Besides Western, Louisiana Tech will face Tennessee, Ole Miss and Rice on its non-conference schedule.

The Lady Toppers are 9-24 all-time against the Techsters, including 7-8 at Diddle Arena.

Lady Toppers sign Warren Central's Buntun

—The Lady Toppers have added another in-state recruit to next season's roster.

Coach Mary Taylor Cowles announced the signing of Alicia

Buntun on Tuesday.

Buntun, a 6-foot-4 center, is a senior at Warren Central High School. She is the third early signing period recruit Western has signed in the last week, joining guards Kenzie Rich and Brooke Faulkner.

The Lady Dragon standout is the niece of Cyphrus Buntun, an assistant coach to the men's basketball team.

"It's huge," Cowles said. "She's only been playing since her freshman year of high school, but she's so good. This is a big signing for us."

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The Lady Topper volleyball team is three wins away from winning its second Sun Belt Conference Tournament title in four years. They lost in the finals in each of the past two seasons.

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Western three wins from NCAA

Lady Tops have lost last two championship matches

By BETH WILBERG
Herald reporter

The last time the Lady Toppers' volleyball squad had the No. 1 seed in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, they won the championship and got their first NCAA Tournament bid.

That was 2002. This season's Lady Toppers are

poised to achieve that goal again when they face No. 8 seed Troy at noon today in the first round of the conference tournament in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

"I think we just have to continue to do what we do at a high level," coach Travis Hudson said. "I think we've established that we're the best team this league has to offer this year. But that doesn't always mean the tournament championship, and we have to understand that."

The Lady Toppers (28-2, 12-0 SBC East) finished their third perfect Sun Belt season with Sunday's sweep of Troy (10-14, 3-10 SBC West).

They haven't lost a match since playing Cincinnati on Oct. 5.

"I really think if we play our game and do what we've been doing all season, we'll be fine," sophomore outside hitter Alli Christian said.

The Lady Topper offense has dominated conference competition this season, and Western leads the conference in hitting percentage, opponent-hitting percentage, assists and kills.

"I think offense is what makes us very good," Hudson said. "But I think defense — playing good defense — is what makes us really hard to beat."

Not losing a conference match also gives the Lady Toppers some momentum going into the tournament.

"Going in as the No. 1 seed, you feel like you have a bullseye on your back," freshman middle hitter Megan Ansbright said. "But you also go with confidence."

All four Western seniors have postseason success.

Libero Abby Borrer and outside hitters Jessie Wagner and Crystal Towler were freshmen on the 2002



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Topper Tipoff '05



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Tops prepare to play Peay

By JASON STAMM
Herald reporter

While exhibition games don't count toward final records, Austin Peay fans might feel a little skeptical after its exhibition game.

Western will open its season at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Doddie Arena with the Governor team, which narrowly escaped its tune-up with Division II Central Missouri.

The Governors squeaked out a 94-90 win over Central Missouri Nov. 7. Austin Peay needed four free throws from senior Maurice Hampton in the final 10 seconds to win.

Austin Peay coach Dave Loom said that while his team had difficulty in its first game, he saw a few positives as well.

"We know that we've got some issues defensively," he said. "But after scoring 90 points, we found that we might be able to score better than we have in the past."

Whether or not the Governors make any noise this season will depend on Hampton and senior

center Zac Schlader.

Hampton, the team's leading returning scorer with 14.7 points per game, scored a team-high 28 points against Central Missouri.

"The key will be how our young guys perform," Loom said. "We're an awfully young team."

Even with 11 of the 15 players on the Governors' roster being either freshmen or sophomores, Austin Peay is still one of the top teams in the Ohio Valley Conference, according to most national publications.

"Schlader is a kid that's very skilled, and he's got good size, and he's a veteran," coach Darrin Horn said. "Post defense was one of our biggest weaknesses last year, so right off the bat we're gonna be tested on something that we need to improve on."

Helping combat the Toppers' weakness in the post should be the return of senior Elzager Wilborn.

Horn said he expects the 6-foot-8

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Old rival Techsters return

By JAKE MITCHELL
Herald reporter

When Louisiana Tech left the Sun Belt Conference before the 2001-02 season, it marked the end of the Lady Techster's conference rivalry with Western.

Four years later, though, the rivalry is still strong.

After taking a year off in 2003-04, the two teams played last season, with the Lady Toppers falling 73-60 in Ruston, La.

Western will face the Lady Techsters at 7 p.m. Saturday in Doddie Arena with redemption in mind.

"If you just look at these two programs and the amount of tradition they have, it's awesome," coach Mary Taylor Cowles said. "It's a great matchup with two great teams."

Louisiana Tech was a force in the Sun Belt during its 10-year stay. In a decade, the Lady Techsters won nine conference tournament championships. In those nine championship games,

the Lady Techsters battled Western seven times.

Louisiana Tech moved all its sports programs to the Western Athletic Conference in 2001.

Men's basketball assistant coach Paul Sanderford coached the Lady Toppers while Louisiana Tech was in the Sun Belt. He said the rivalry is undeniable, even though this year's game has no conference ramifications.

"It's changed," he said. "But Louisiana Tech still has that national reputation few teams do. They're mentioned in the same breath as the Tennessees and Connecticut."

The Lady Techsters have appeared in 13 Final Fours in their 30-year history. In that span, they have appeared in eight national championship games, cutting down the nets on three occasions.

Chris Long, Louisiana Tech's first-year coach, said he knew the

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Football

Lame duck Tops to visit FIU

Golden Panthers in second season of Division I-A play

By WEB WATT
Herald reporter

Sometimes the truth is as cold as a lame, angry penguin wearing a red scarf.

After Saturday's 42-10 loss at Youngstown State, Western had to face the bitter reality that the Hilltoppers will not go to the playoffs for the first time in six seasons.

But despite having its playoffs hopes buried in the barren wasteland of northeast Ohio, Western (6-4, 4-3 Gateway Conference) must play Division I-A Florida International at 5 p.m. on Saturday in the season finale.

"We've talked with the seniors, and I think they understand what's done is done," coach David Elson said. "And the only thing we can control is how we prepare for this game."

The Golden Panthers (2-6, 1-4 Sun Belt Conference) have struggled this season, and Western's seniors have the chance to go out with a win.

The Florida International defense allows 388.5 yards and 31.4 points per game.

However, Western's once-potent offense has disappeared during the past three games.

The offense scored 31 touchdowns in its first seven contests before a 31-20 loss to Southern Illinois on Oct. 27. But the offense has since scored only three regulation touchdowns in losses to Southern Illinois, Northern Iowa and Youngstown State.

The only touchdown Western scored against Youngstown State was a fumble recovery returned by junior linebacker Sam Sexton for a 21-yard score.

Before the three game skid, Western was 6-1 and ranked No. 1 in the Sports Network Poll. They have fallen to No. 23.

"It's very frustrating," senior receiver Maurice Perkins said. "It's just things that we did at the beginning of the season and other teams didn't capitalize on. And now we're still doing it, and better teams are capitalizing."

Senior tailback Leron Moore is back after injuring his shoulder in the first quarter against Southern Illinois. Moore has scored eight touchdowns this season. In Moore's return against Youngstown State, he rushed for 45 yards, but

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Newer fake IDs don't fool bar, liquor store owners

By ANDREW McNAMARA
Herald reporter

Nearly 100 counterfeit driver's licenses hang in the manager's office in the Twin Kegs bar in Nashville.

Jesse Gunn, the owner of the bar and collector of the fake IDs, said his collection spans from New York to Missouri. The bar collects about three fake IDs each weekend.

The collage of false identities is like a trophy case of success in enforcing the law, Gunn said.

Those trophies also highlight the sobering truth of a problem owners of bars and liquor stores must confront.

Underage students and fake IDs have a long history together. And new technology has helped that relationship flourish.

Bar and liquor store owners

are using years of practice to identify counterfeit IDs, but they say the use of fake IDs is a nuisance that won't go away.

For some underage students, the temptation to drink outweighs the risk of getting caught with a fake ID.

A lot of students follow a theory called pluralistic ignorance, which makes them misinformed about how things are in real life, said Kathi Miner-Rubino, a social psychology professor.

Pluralistic ignorance is when people think and feel a certain way because they think their friends think and feel the same things, she said.

Research has shown that a high percentage of students who think do so because they think everyone else is doing it, Miner-Rubino said.

Conformity is another factor

that can lead to students getting a fake ID, she said.

People have a biological need to belong and be accepted by other people, and they will do things to fit social norms in order to make friends, she said.

Drinking can also give some students a sense of being 'older' and more mature since drinking is associated with adulthood, Miner-Rubino said.

"Drinking alcohol in college might seem so new and exciting when you're younger, but when you get older, you see that it wasn't all that it seemed to be," Miner-Rubino said.

Louisville junior Stevie Carraro said most of his friends are older, so a fake ID is almost a necessity.

Carraro said she used a fake ID to get into Baker Street Café when she went out to celebrate a friend's 21st birthday.

Carraro said she had no problem using the ID to get into the bar, but problems began

once she and her friends got inside. She said she knew she would be caught when an undercover officer began checking the patrons' IDs.

"The cops were real polite. They asked me to pour out the rest of my drink and to leave," she said.

Carraro said she used the ID several times in bars in Bowling Green and Louisville and had never been caught before.

"The ID I used looked like me and said I was only 22 years

old, so it was pretty believable," she said.

Even though the police took her first fake ID, Carraro said she was not nervous about getting another one and using it again.

"I just never really crossed my mind that I would get caught — I just assumed it wasn't a big deal," she said.

Lloyd Ferguson, the owner of Vette City Liquors, said he has collected at least 500 fake IDs that Western students have

tried to use. "The cops were real polite. They asked me to pour out the rest of my drink and to leave," she said.

"I've seen it all when it comes to using a fake ID," he said. "And there isn't much that will ever get by me."

The most common thing students will try to use an ID

from a similar-looking friend that is over 21 and pass it off as being theirs, Ferguson said.

Ferguson will ask for a second ID whenever the picture and the person don't look exactly alike. The request will usually make the person leave.

Students also try to change their own ID instead of trying to make a duplicate.

"Students can get pretty creative when they alter their own ID," Ferguson said.

He said he has seen some IDs where students have tried cutting open the IDs and adding numbers on the inside, altering numbers already on the ID or gluing numbers from a phone book on top of their ID and then re-laminating it.

New technologies, such as

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'Sexy' sitcom inspires talks on women's issues

By COREY PAUL
Herald reporter

A popular sitcom dealing with issues about women and sex is being used to bring members of the women's studies program together.

Members of the program gathered about one Friday a month to watch episodes of the television show "Sex and the City" and discuss issues women face in society.

Watching and discussing the show gives the viewers a chance to apply women's studies issues to pop culture, said Heather Bridges, a graduate assistant for the women's studies program.

Bridges and Leigh Johnson, a women's studies professor, came up with the idea.

Bridges, who organized the events, said she wanted to give women's studies minors a chance to meet each other.

The next meeting will be on Dec. 2, Bridges said.

About 15 people came to the last showing.

Almost half of these people were new to the meeting, Alvano senior Jeffrey Herron said.

"A lot of times, people are really intimidated by women's studies events because they think they have to be all about activism or theory," Herron said. "But this is a good jumping point for people to dabble in the program and get a concept of what we are all about."

Herron was the only man to attend the last meeting; that took place on Nov. 4.

"It doesn't bother me because I want to be there," Herron said.

Herron owns all six seasons of "Sex and the City" on DVD.

"I obviously exaggerates issues, but it also places focus on them,"

Jeffrey Herron

Asian senior

City" on DVD.

"I think I'm the only person in the group who thinks the show is superficial," said

Glenn senior

Reggaeton music 'exploding' on campus

By ANGELIKA MASERO
Herald reporter

New genres of music wiggle in and slink out, but one that seems to be shaking Western is Reggaeton.

"It's exploding," said Brad "Syracuse" Evans, a sophomore from Syracuse, N.Y. "It went from people not knowing anything about it to everyone knowing it."

Evans discovered Reggaeton three years ago just when it started to emerge into the mainstream.

One of Evans' friends went to South America during his senior year of high school. He returned with Reggaeton music, and Evans loved it.

Dubbed Reggaeton for its Jamaican influence, it combines Jamaican and Latin American styles of reggae and dancehall with hip-hop. The result is an exotic, pulsating beat, said Oscar Izarreta, a freshman from Stamford, Conn.

Reggaeton possesses a distinct sound, specifically from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, which attracts many people, like Louisville senior Krishanda Potter. She said that Reggaeton doesn't mimic mainstream music at all, and its sound is unique and easy to identify.

Izarreta deejays at parties

and has noticed how receptive audiences are of Reggaeton. Its universal beat appeals to all audiences, he said.

Its hypnotic beat and way of creating a sultry atmosphere will get hips shaking like Shakira's, which serves as one of its allures.

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Somerset senior Viviana Ortiz.

Reggaeton dancing is almost like the new dirty dancing.

"It makes you want to move," Ortiz said. "And I love fast music, and I love to dance, and this is good music to dance to."

Reggaeton's lyrics also appeal to its listeners.

Diablo, a Reggaeton artist, sings about real life, and his lyrics reach Evans. His ability to sing about the truth and what he feels creates sincerity to his words, Evans said. Also, the

Spanish lyrics have helped Evans improve his Spanish.

Since Reggaeton is becoming a dominant music forum, finding the music has become much easier. Internet sites allow Reggaeton fans to access their music, which was previously hard to find online.

Larger retail music stores don't carry that large a selection of Reggaeton. Downloading provides a more convenient

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By TAVIA GREEN
Herald reporter

Motown classics from the '60s, '70s and '80s will ring through Van Meter auditorium this weekend.

The Bowling Green Chamber Orchestra will be performing a special concert series, "A Tribute to Motown," on at 8 tonight and Saturday in Van Meter Hall.

The concert will include classic hits from stars such as Marvin Gaye, The Supremes, Lionel Richie, the Temptations and others.

Local professional artists and popular rock bands will perform with the Bowling Green Chamber Orchestra.

About 1,200 tickets have already been sold, which is about 70 percent of the tickets available, according to Diane Crawley, BGCO administrative assistant. Orchestra members are expecting a sellout.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Jeff Reed, music director of the Chamber Orchestra, said people might think the concert will be performing music, but it will have a live band and local artist

performing the hits.

"I know people think it will be elevator music because of the word 'orchestra,' but they've never heard music like this," he said.

The Chamber Orchestra, a non-profit organization, has been performing in Bowling Green for six years. They play a variety of music to reach more people, Reed said.

This is the first time the orchestra is performing "A Tribute to Motown" as part of its Special Series. The Special Series also includes tributes to the Beatles, a children's concert and a '70s series. It is performed throughout the year.

"Our attitude is to play music people want to hear, not what we think they should hear," Reed said.

Crawley said that although she works for the concert, she also enjoys the music.

"It's wonderful," she said. "It's an accommodation of the different kinds of music performed and gives people an appreciation for all kinds of music."

Mark Berry, assistant professor of percussion at Western, has

played the timpani and percussion in the orchestra for four years. He had been practicing for two or three weeks when he got the sheet music for the Motown concert.

"I enjoy the variety," Berry said. "The programming is not your typical classical music."

Being able to perform along with other professionals and teach the subject he's passionate about has been exciting for him.

"It feels great. That's why I do it," he said. "I'm not only teaching. I'm an example for my students."

Reed encourages everyone in the community, especially students, to come out and hear the talent. Bowling Green has to offer.

"People would pay over \$100 to hear something like this in New York. They can't believe it's right here in Bowling Green," Reed said.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.bgchamberorchestra.org or by calling 270-846-3426.

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ISSUES: Discussions focus on culture

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the women's studies program. Even though she did not like

the show, Glorioso said the discussions were a good opportunity to talk about culture and the origin of each member's feminism.

At the last meeting, the group watched an episode dealing with whether or not it's OK for a woman to leave work to have a baby.

The group decided that leaving work to have a child is acceptable if it is a decision the woman chooses to make. Bridges said. Other issues the group has dealt with are race, gender, class and the perpetuation of socially-constructed differences, Herron said.

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What's your story?

Non-traditional student works to overcome his past

By TAVIA GREEN
Herald reporter

Hopkinsville junior Jerry Moten always has been fascinated with animals.

As a child, the pre-veterinary major would spend hours watching nature shows and the Discovery Channel on TV and he loved trips to the zoo with his mother.

"I think someone should take care of them, too," Moten said. "God made them like He made us."

Moten's dream to be a veterinarian was once inconceivable to him.

After going through hardships as a teenager, he said he now has the determination to start over at Western and one day work in the elms he visited years ago.

"The bad choices we make

in life, they're the bad choices then, but you can come out of those times and keep going," Moten said.

Moten said that as a teen, he was headstrong and didn't listen to his parents' advice. He was worried about what his friends thought of him and wanted to look tough.

By the time he realized this, Moten said, he had wasted time, and decided to get a late start at making the most of his life.

When he was 18 years old, Moten and a couple of his friends were arrested for breaking into a house.

"I didn't want to seem like a scaredy cat," Moten said. "I was trying to prove myself."

Many people said his past would haunt him for the rest of his life, but he was determined to stay out of trouble.



Jerry Moten

"I fought to get myself out and start over," Moten said.

He said he wanted something better in life, but didn't know exactly what to do. Moten worked at factories and other

jobs and attended the Hopkinsville Community College for two years.

When he enrolled at Western as a non-traditional student, he said it was a big adjustment.

"When you're in class, you feel like you're way behind everybody else," Moten said. "You feel like everyone's mind is so much sharper than yours."

To keep up with the class, he has to work extra hard, study and plan for each day.

"When you're a non-traditional student, you don't have no one looking over your shoulder telling you to keep going," Moten said. "It's mostly self-discipline."

But he, said it's worth the effort.

His mother, Minnie Howard, said she always told Moten to keep going and to take his time.

"I'm very proud of him," Howard said. "He's very determined. He's not a quitter, and I love that about him."

Moten said his attitude to succeed comes from some of

the advice Howard gave him.

Moten is paying for his school by working two jobs: one at Best Buy and the other as an events coordinator for Western's athletic department.

"He's really funny. He's sweet. He's really caring. He's hardheaded," his mother said.

His best friend, Frank Goetting, a junior from Pittsburgh, said Moten had a passion for his major and would go far.

"I think he has a lot of good goals set for himself," Goetting said. "He's really focused."

When Moten visits Hopkinsville, he still sees some of the guys he used to hang with.

"I can say proudly, I'm doing something with my life," Moten said.

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Campus activities

Reba's niece, local band to perform at Redz

By HAWKINS TEAGUE
Herald reporter

Autumn McIntire, the niece of country singer Reba McEntire, will bring her brand of folk country songs to the Hill this weekend.

The concert will be part of Country and Western night at Redz tomorrow from 8 to 11 p.m.

Redz, otherwise known as the fourth floor of Downing University Center, hosts a theme night every Friday. For this week's theme, McIntire will perform on the same bill as local band Empty Hearts.

McIntire, 27, described her sound as "rootsy," and said she mostly plays at coffee houses and other similarly intimate venues.

She prefers coffee houses to bars because of the types of songs she writes. She said her songs tend to tell stories, and it's hard to keep people's attention when they're just there to have a good time.

The album she recorded,

"Same Ol' Me," hasn't officially been released, but has been available for sale at her performances for some time.

McIntire said she is proud of the album's sound, which she said is not overproduced.

"It doesn't have everything, and the kitchen sink," she said.

Kenneth Martin, a graduate student who is a student center assistant and organizes events at DUC and Garrett Center, said he found out about McIntire through myspace.com. He was looking for country acts on the Web site when he found her profile. Four of her songs were also available for listening on the site.

McIntire said her myspace account has been very beneficial to her career. She said she has performed about five shows in the past two months because of the exposure she provided.

McIntire doesn't tour every weekend, but she manages to

keep her schedule flexible enough to take offers because she is self-employed. She has her own business in Nashville, Custom Cleaning Service, which she began in May.

McIntire said that being related to Reba has certainly been to her advantage at times. Although she doesn't rely on the association, she said she doesn't mind that people ask about her, either.

"I'm very proud of the name," she said. "She's been absolutely wonderful and supportive."

Martin found Empty Hearts, who will be playing before McIntire, through myspace.com as well. Four of the five members are Western students.

Auburn senior Eric Wilson, the band's singer and acoustic guitar player, said the band was a side project of his and two other members, including his brother, Matt, a sophomore. He said Empty Hearts' sound is a sort of folk

country rock, and includes a mandolin, played by Auburn junior Seth Barnett.

This is in contrast to Wilson's main band, Go Aberdeen, which he said is more indie pop rock. Go Aberdeen has been playing for about two years, mostly at Spencer's coffee house, he said.

Wilson said he was excited about the performance and was happy to be asked to play because this will only be their second show performing as Empty Hearts.

Martin said there will be free chili, pizza, soda and cowboy-shaped cookies at the event. He mentioned that international students have shown up to Friday Redz events fairly consistently.

"To me, it's an interesting way to introduce them to a part of American culture," he said.

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REGGAETON: New musical genre influences artists

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way to find new music, and it has more options, Potter said.

"It is not hard now," Ortiz said. "But it was when I found out about it and when my friend gave me a copy. That was the only way then, I could get my hands on it."

Potter said the Internet helps in finding songs that normally wouldn't be on CDs.

"If you know the artist, you can find new songs you didn't know about," she said. "It helps a lot."

Reggaeton's influence on the music scene continues to grow. Hip-hop artists like Ciara have included Reggaeton artists on their CDs, while popular Latin American artists like Shakira and Ricky Martin have included Reggaeton beats in their music, Ortiz said.

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Column

Tornado warnings inspire columnist to change her ways



JUST SAYIN'
Amber North

There I was, standing in Garrett's hot, musty basement Tuesday night with about 20 people beside me.

After going through two tornado warnings, we were down there for about 20 minutes. I don't know if it was going to be serious, but I kept my cool.

Before it was over, a woman "saks" us, "Do you all know Jesus?"

Got me to thinking. Whenever a possible near-

death experience comes around, everyone wants to start doing things the "right way." No more meanness, but all goodness. So I came to the conclusion that I'm gonna be a different person, starting now. But with the old Amber, in with the new. New and improved, yes.

"Because you know what? I'm tired of being known as Amber, the angry chick who is difficult to deal with and is too pessimistic about life."

I'm tired of being known as someone who makes touchy-feely people feel uncomfortable around me because I always tell them how annoying they were for being "too nice."

Old Amber was awkward and someone too aggressive to speak her mind on certain things—OK, everything.

But New Amber? Haha. Watch out, America.

Now I'm gonna become Judith Friedlander from Dave Matthews' Band's "Everyday" video and hug everybody in sight.

Old Amber would've scoffed at anyone who would make a DMB reference in casual conversation.

Not this time. Everyone is entitled to their opinions, so I shall no longer make fun of people because of their music collection, because I realize there's no such thing as people having "crappy taste" in music. I was talking to my friend online, and I asked if he liked Modest Mouse's "The Moon and Antarctica" album he bought. He said, "Eh, I heard a few songs and it didn't do anything for me."

I said, "Oh, sigh (because it's my favorite band, so of course I'd defend them)." And he said that talking to me about music

was like talking about politics. I never looked at it that way. I mean, maybe he was just being a sensitive pansy about it, but maybe not.

I used to think that everyone should at least like Jimi Hendrix or Modest Mouse or "The Royal Tenenbaums" or be considered worthy, but that's not fair, man, not fair at all. But luckily, I've taken heed to this horrid flaw.

Agh! I shall no longer poke jabs at the conservatives. They just want to make sure that we go the right path in life, so this liberal vs. conservatives garbage should be put to an end, and I want to be the person who starts this campaign.

The Old Amber made fun of the woman who asked us if we knew Jesus. I was always highly irritated with those people who always made it a point to

tell us their religious beliefs and how everyone should be followers of said religion.

Well, hey, that's their life, man. Let 'em live and believe what they wanna believe, because in the end, all that matters is peace and love.

I now realize that it's not always important to have something to say. I mean, yeah, that's the topic of this column, but there's more to life than always throwing your opinions out in the air.

Because, y'know, there is a thing called "too opinionated," and I've been accused of that way too many times to live my life without shame.

And yes, I am ashamed.

I'll no longer make fun, either. My favorite episode of "Friends" is when Chandler isn't allowed to make fun of his friends for a week, and he fails

miserably. Not me, though. From here on out, I'm a changed woman. No more swearing, my more anger, no more being overly-opinionated and no more jokes.

People have said to me many times, "But Amber, that's what I love about you — you're so honest."

And I agree with them whole-heartedly, and I enjoy it whole-heartedly without any remorse, but c'mon, do I really want to continue to live this life of sin?

I can't even bear the thought.

I feel so much better now, I am at peace.

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Campus life

Program to educate smokers about health issues

BY A. LAYNE
STACKHOUSE
Herald reporter

Nashville sophomore Kyle Casserly has been trying to quit smoking for over a month. She decided the easiest way to quit would be to go cold turkey.

However, she has not yet managed to quit smoking altogether since she is always around friends who smoke, she said.

Web site estimates are that 46 million Americans still smoke, and about half will die from lung cancer associated with smoking.

The first Great American Spokescout began in 1977 when the California division of the American Cancer Society got over one million people to quit for the day, according to the American Cancer Society's Web site.

Since then, the day has

helped promote awareness of the dangers of smoking, which has helped many public places become smoke-free, according to the Web site.

Western will have three booths set up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Downing University Center, Thompson Complex and Java City.

The booths will have information on smoking cessation classes and a stop smoking 24-hour helpline, said Andrea

Dudas, a health educator for WKU's Health Services. She said there also will be "quit kits," with pieces of hard candy, chocolate and mints, as well as stress balls to help smokers get through the day.

Dudas said that the goal for the day is to get students to throw their cigarettes away, at least for the day.

Carol Douglas, health educator for the Barren River District Health Department, is

also helping at the booths. She said this is an especially important issue in Kentucky as one out of three college students in the state smoke.

Leitchfield senior Crissy Hodges said the Kentucky Public Health Association and the Topperwell Peer Health Educators are working together to inform student smokers on the options available to help them quit.

She said a lot of people

may hear about the dangers of smoking but may not understand the effects smoking could have on their lives.

Hodges hopes the booths, which will also display props, including a glass jug containing the lungs of a smoker who used tobacco for 10 years, will encourage students to quit.

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Documentary

Documentary to show downside to Wal-Mart

BY MEGAN VENZIN
Herald reporter

Small town mom and pop shops are concerned because "Big Box" stores, or mega-stores, are multiplying and could soon rule American business, according to a documentary coming to Bowling Green.

The Historic Preservation Board of Bowling Green has noticed the conflict posed by Big Box stores. They hope to prevent the spread of businesses they feel undermine the character of small communities.

The Historic Preservation Board with the Bowling Green Landmark Association will show the documentary "Store Wars: When Wal-Mart Comes to Town" at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Capitol Arts Theater on Main Street to raise public awareness of the growing phenomenon.

"Store Wars" is a one-hour documentary that explores the events that took place in Ashland, Va., after a proposal for a Wal-Mart store was raised. The mayor, city council and citizen groups opposed the construction of a Wal-Mart store to

maintain their community.

Landmark Association President C.J. Johnson knows what it is like to live in a small town, and said it is important to educate Bowling Green residents about the trends in United States' department stores.

He said a lot of smaller businesses in downtown areas experience financial distress when stores like Wal-Mart move into town.

Robin Zeigler, a member of the Historic Preservation Board, said she hopes Bowling Green city commissioners, planners and other leaders will see the film and see the impact Big Box stores have on small communities everywhere. She also said she wants Western students to be interested in the documentary and the issue at hand.

She said just viewing the film is not going to promote any changes in Bowling Green, but it could stir

ideas for preservation.

Zeigler said she found the film surprising because she had no idea Wal-Mart opens a new mega-store in America every

two days. "My hope is that it will get people to think before they act," Zeigler said.

— Whitney Crews

She said showing the film is part of the board's mission to educate people about means of preservation and the

obstacles small towns face today.

Louisville senior Whitney Crews said she thinks the Wal-Mart stores themselves are not solely to blame for problems in small towns.

"The problem with Wal-Mart is directly related to the apathy of citizens connected to it," Crews said.

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IDs: Improved technology increases quality of fakes

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high-quality printers and card-pressing machines, have made it even more challenging for bars or liquor stores to identify which IDs are

real, Gunn said. Even the holograms and encoded symbols added by states are easily bypassed by simulators found on the Internet, he said.

"It's just getting too easy to get a fake ID these days," Gunn said.

Students will also try to make out-of-state fake IDs using computer programs they download or already have on their computers, Ferguson said.

A list of about 4.8 million Web sites are found on the Google search engine when it searches for "make a fake ID."

Bar and liquor store owners have become savvy when it comes to spying a fake ID, despite the technology available.

Jennifer Buckingham, the manager of Baker Street Cafe, said she gives

\$10 for every fake ID the guards at the door collect.

A few weeks ago in a span of 11 days, the bar had 10 students try to get in using a fake ID, Buckingham said.

"I do everything I can to run a credible business, and that means making sure we obey all of the ABC codes," Buckingham said.

Karri Papell, manager of Red Barn Liquors, said it is easy to tell when someone is trying to buy alcohol illegally.

When someone who is underage comes to the counter to make their purchase, they have a nervous or tense look in their eyes, Papell said.

The person also looks around the store longer, he said.

"We know most of our customers anyway, so if we see anyone suspicious, we will ask for a second ID," Papell said.

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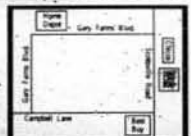
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Forensics

Western students debate touring British team

By A. LAYNE
STACKHOUSE
Herald reporter

As Glent Prince approached the podium Tuesday night at the Garrett Center ballroom, he remained cool and collected despite the severe weather outside and the fact that he only had 20 minutes to prepare to debate against an experienced British team.

Prince, a graduate assistant from Cabot, Ark., debated, with Auburn graduate assistant Jency Corum in the fifth annual Parliamentary Debate against the British team Solo Owen and Kenneth Fleming.

Tuesday's debate was the second to last in a tour in which Owen and Fleming were competing across the country.

Parliamentary debate is needed after the more audience-centered, British-style of debate rather than the highly structured American style.

Spinning from schools in Texas and California to Washington D.C., the British team has almost completed its

eight-week tour.

"It's been very interesting to see the diversity across the United States," Owen said.

He said he especially enjoyed meeting and hanging out with people from the various cities they stayed in.

The debate was a part of the People Speak program presented by WKU forensics and the department of communication.

The topic of debate on Tuesday was space policy, with the Western team advocating a broader plan and the British team opposing it.

At the end of the debate, after seeing both sides of the issue, the audience was invited to judge the competition, although results will not be out until next week.

Scott Jensen, director of debate and forensics for Webster University in St. Louis, coordinated the tour. He said being able to communicate is a very important skill, especially between cultures.

"It is important for us to foster the idea that argumentation and communication cross borders," Jensen said. "Being able to share those activities among cultures is very educational."

Forensics Director Judy Woodring said Western hosts the debate every year because it helps Western gain more international recognition.

Corum said debate is important for many reasons, including allowing a variety of perspectives to be heard.

"America has a bad reputation for being a cultural hegemon," she said. "The more international viewpoints, the better."

Both teams could benefit from seeing different debating styles, Owen said.

Having different cultures meet helps to reduce cultural stereotypes, Fleming said.

Owensboro sophomore Kristen Fort enjoyed seeing the debate.

"To see both cultures interacting and their reactions to the different points they brought out was interesting," Fort said.

The next, and last stop that the British team will make on its tour in Villanova University in Philadelphia.

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News Brief

Wilderness medical course to be taught during winter term

Needing medical attention can be a frightening experience anywhere. But needing help in the middle of the wilderness can be even worse when the nearest hospital is hours or days away.

To help those in need, Western is offering Wilderness First Responder medical training during the Winter Term.

The continuing education

course is scheduled from Jan. 9-17 at Western and a farm in Warren County.

David Calvis, a lecturer from the Indiana University department of recreation and park administration, is teaching the class. Calvis is certified as a National Standards Program Certification Instructor from the Wilderness Education Program.

Wilderness medical training differs from regular medical training in that care must be given in the field because help

may be too far away to make a difference in time, severe environments make even the smallest of emergencies dangerous to patients and rescuers and limited supplies must be used efficiently.

For information on the wilderness training, contact Sharon Woodward, director of Continuing Education, (270) 745-1918, or by email at continuing.education@wku.edu.

—Bobby Hurrell

This is how we do it.
This is Western Kentucky Basketball

Western Kentucky vs. Austin Peay

Friday, November 18th
7:30pm at E.A. Diddle Arena

Attention Students:

I would like to thank you for your support at our first game this past Thursday night. Your enthusiasm and energy is the key element that sparks our team and leads us to victories in Diddle Arena. I want to personally invite each and every one of you to continue to display your Western Spirit at all of our home games this year. Thank you again and I will see you in Diddle!



Head Coach Darin Horn

Basketball 2005-06



Elgrace Wilborn
#15 Senior Center Forward

Courtney Lee
#12 Sophomore Guard/Forward

Students FREE with WKU ID at Entrance 3

Campus police

Explorers hope to begin police careers

BY ANDREW McNAMARA
Herald reporter

The benefits of the Police Explorers Program is being shared by students and campus police department members.

Since the program began last year, four former Western students who have participated in the Explorers and other police programs have started careers in law enforcement.

Josh Toomey has started working as an officer with the campus police, and Dale Adams works with the Bowling Green Police Department.

Brandon Brian was hired by the Warren County Regional Jail as a deputy jailer, and Samantha Jones was hired as a dispatcher with the BOPD.

The Explorers Program was created to teach students about routine police activities. Participants are given rank and responsibilities sim-

ilar to those of a certified officer in Western's department in order to build a foundation for a career.

The Explorers post also provides an escort service to all students, faculty and staff members at any time of night and to any part of campus.

Versailles junior Tyler Clark, one of the students who applied this year to work for the campus police, said the Explorers program has given him a chance to learn about what it took to be a police officer.

Clark said the officers who help out with the Explorers program have been great mentors and treat him and the other Explorers more like colleagues than students.

"Because of the program, I was able to answer from experience..."

— Tyler Clark
Versailles junior

Students can make a better judgment about whether a job in law enforcement is good for them because they are exposed to the realities of police work, said Campus Police Sgt. Joe Harbaugh, who oversees the explorer program.

A common problem in police departments is a high number of staff members who quit, which could be a result of the misconceptions people have about being an officer, Harbaugh said.

There are currently two job openings in the campus police department that give more Explorer graduates a chance to begin their careers in law enforcement.

The hiring process can take as long as a year to complete, Campus Police Capt. Mike Wallace said.

Candidates will face an inter-

view in front of a panel of several officers and school administrators, three physical exams, a medical exam and a psychological exam before they can become officers, Wallace said.

A potential officer must also pass a federal background check and a polygraph test, he said.

After passing the series of tests, they will be officially hired by the department and then sent off to the police academy for 16 weeks of training, Wallace said.

Campus Police Officer Richard McBrayer said the whole process really tested whether he was dedicated to being a police officer.

"It's like writing a diary about everything you did or thought about in your life and then putting it out there for anyone to read," he said.

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Katrina

Students help with hurricane cleanup

BY LEAH M. CAUDLE
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Some foreign students received approved excuses from professors to trade in their regular schedules to clean mold from ceilings, clear attics and provide spiritual help to people who lost their homes.

Six Indian students and 10 other volunteers visited Pascagoula, Miss., from Oct. 22-29 with Broadway United Methodist Church to help with Hurricane Katrina cleanup efforts.

Charles Wainwright, director of graduate and undergraduate programs in healthcare administration, said he mentioned the idea to his class. Wainwright, a member of the Broadway United Methodist Church, said he was surprised by the response he received from Indian students wanting to help.

Sarathi Bachali, a graduate student from Annapur, India, said he was not used to such manual labor. Bachali said he had only done electrical work, but the work he did in Mississippi was much harder.

The volunteers worked 10-hour days. Wainwright said volunteers woke up at 6 a.m. to have devotion and meet with group leaders. Most of the working time was spent removing water-damaged possessions from houses and replacing sheet rock in the ceilings of 25 homes.

Bachali said the Americans were not used to working with Indian students. He said at first different groups were referred to separately, but through out the process they worked together as one group.

"We were not like Indians and Americans. We were friends," Bachali said.

Bowling Green freshman Tyler Graham said he enjoyed working with the Indian students. Graham, who had rarely interacted with international students, said he enjoyed getting to know a different culture.

"It was a real eye opener," Graham said. Wainwright said the volunteers provided humanitarian aid to the locals. He said the most important thing volunteers wanted to do was spread hope.

Bachali said he did not expect to see so much destruction in Mississippi. He said he realized how much people take for granted after he helped.

He said the volunteers' help was not only materialistic, but spiritual.

"We were letting them know that 'Yes, we're here,'" Bachali said.

Both Wainwright and Bachali said helping was a good experience, but both were saddened because there was still so much to be done.

Wainwright said another group is planning to return in the spring to do more work in the Gulf Coast area.

Bachali said he will return to help if he is asked. He said it is important to help when others are in need.

"I'm not an American, but I am human," Bachali said.

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Student government

Director encourages post-college study

BY ALEX FONTANA
Herald reporter

Some students enter Western with scholarships paying for their tuition and housing. Honors Director Craig Cobane wants Western students to keep receiving scholarships after they graduate.

Cobane said he is looking for a full-time coordinator at Western to recruit students to apply for prestigious and nationally-competitive scholarships. He spoke to the Student Government Association at its meeting on Tuesday.

Cobane said he talked to SGA members because he wants them to share information about the scholarships.

"It's one of the best experiences in your college education," he said. "It'll change your life forever."

He said he would also like to

educate faculty members about the scholarships and how to write letters of recommendation for them.

Most faculty members haven't written letters of recommendation for these types of scholarships, he said.

Western students aren't applying for these scholarships because students don't know about them, said Charley Priddy, director of student activities.

Schools that are the same size and have the same academic performance as Western generally have 20 to 30 students win awards similar to the Rhodes Scholarship, Cobane said. The Rhodes Scholarship is the most competitive academic award for students to receive after college.

"It's one of the best experiences in your college career."

— Craig Cobane
Honors director

There are usually 3,000 applicants, but only 32 students receive the award, Cobane said.

Western averages fewer than one student per year for prestigious or nationally-competitive scholarships, Cobane said.

Aminda Allen, a junior from Goodlettsville, Tenn., said other juniors should have known about the program before.

"It's pretty sad that we're having one person apply from our school. An SGA senator, students from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and other Ivy League schools may have an advantage for getting scholarships, but students

from Western can be very competitive," Cobane said.

In other business: Speaker of the Senate Jed Conrad announced that he will not return to SGA in the fall due to a class conflict.

SGA President Katie Dawson said nominations for the position will be offered at SGA's meeting on Nov. 29. Elections will take place at the Dec. 6 meeting.

SGA passed legislation encouraging Housing and Residence Life to relocate smoking trays and other smoking accessories to 30 feet away from the building. The act would be in compliance with the 30-foot no-smoking buffer around buildings.

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Campus programs get democracy awards

Western was honored with two awards last weekend by the American Democracy Project South Conference.

Two campus-wide programs, Constitution Week and Get Out the Vote, were recognized at the inaugural conference at Clayton State University in Morrow, Ga. The ADP provides support

for campus ADP leaders and recognizes efforts of those whose work contributes to the goals of ADP.

Scholars from 13 southern states are involved in ADP South. Western and Morehead State University were the only two schools to receive two awards.

Western had several other programs recognized at the event, including Organizing the New York Times for

Learning Success, Student Initiatives for Encouraging Student Engagement and First Amendment First.

Sandra Ardrey, head of the Political Science Department, accepted the award on behalf of Constitution Week activities. Molly Kerby accepted the award for Election 2004: Engagement Campus-Wide.

— Joey Leslie

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